

THE GAVEL

Weather
Bright and Fair
(Here's hoping)
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TEACHERS COLLEGE GETS A PAPER Gavs Take Initiative!

This is the idea. The Gaveleer Society is going to try its hand at editing a school paper just to prove it can be done and well done. We don't guarantee any fancy dress for the paper, nor are we laying any claim to great literary value. In fact, we're going to print the copies on a mimeograph machine and stick strictly to news....news with a punch is what we're aiming at.

A NICKEL A MONTH

By printing the paper on a mimeograph machine, we are going to keep the expense to an absolute minimum. If all the students in school will support us with only five cents a month, we shall be able to print at least two issues and perhaps more. The big thing to keep in mind is this: we're going to give you a bi-monthly news sheet that will be worth two or three times the price. Before we get through with this we're going to have you standing in line for hours just to be sure you get a copy. If you don't believe us, take a look at this one, then dash off to pay your nickel to be sure you rate the next issue.

CONFERENCE COMES TO FITCHBURG

The Women's Athletic Conference of the Mass. State Teachers Colleges will take place at Fitchburg for the first time in five years. Delegates from all the Teachers Colleges will meet here early in November to discuss mutual problems. The help of the entire student body will be needed to make this conference a success.

INDIANS SCALP TEACHERS 3 TO 1 Rain Hampers Fitchburg

Fitchburg Teachers College officially opened its 1934 soccer season at Hanover, N. H. The team went down to a 3 to 1 defeat at the hands of the Indians. A poor field, due to the downpour of rain, and a series of bad breaks did not show Clif Southworth's charges at their best.

Dean Gibney accounted for all of Dartmouth's goals; Johnny Stacevich booted a neat shot thru the Dartmouth defense for Fitchburg's score. Spring's defensive play was outstanding.

DOPE ON THE FRESHMEN

And to begin with, there are no Freshmen dopes.

Latest available figures on registration show that 334 students are enrolled. Our freshman class has 75 members and 9 college graduates who are here for their B. S. E. degree.

The freshmen are divided as follows:

Junior High	36
Elementary 4	12
Elementary 3	7
Practical Arts	21
Total	76

A comparison with last year's enrollment indicates a decrease of 10 students. An unusual increase in the number of residents shows 115 students and 3 faculty members living in the dormitories.

AND for the first time in the history of the college, more men than women are eating in the dining hall - 64 men against 51 women!

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EDITORIAL

The Gavel Policy

It is the belief of the Gaveleer Society - and practically every one else - that no school should be without an authentic student publication to report on campus news and to express the feelings of the student body. For years such a project has been discussed but has never gone beyond the stage of talk.

"The Gavel" is presented to the student body as a practical experiment in solving this problem. Although the Gaveleers as a society have taken the initiative, we want it clearly understood that insofar as possible it will be an all-school publication, and whenever the student body as such wishes to organize a new paper of its own, we shall immediately withdraw.

We believe that the one mutual interest of the student body is the welfare of our college. With this always in mind, we will try to tell all the news with absolute fairness. Our success depends upon the cooperation of everyone. We want your news and your ideas; we will welcome your criticisms and try to improve with your suggestions

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A STEP FORWARD

After talking with a number of students around the campus, we feel safe in reporting that the student body is still dissatisfied with initiation. Some feel that the stunts required of the freshies were too brutal and some thought them too easy. At any rate, a

group of blindfolded boys falling over each other seems more ridiculous than funny. Few will question that the lack of skunk-oil and rotten eggs is a great improvement. However, we feel that the spirit of fellow-ship which accompanied the singing of "Alma Mater" around the bonfire in past years was missed.

Certainly to have the performance carried on in daylight under the surveillance of the entire school is a long step toward a well organized initiation. With such a start to work on, next year's freshmen should be ushered in with truly grand style.

GREETINGS AND SALUTATIONS to the following new members of the faculty:

Miss Mary Barnicle, nurse.

Mr. Charles Hapgood, teacher in the Junior High School.

Mr. John Hendricken, art instructor in the 8th and 9th grades.

Mr. Leonard Wood, director of men's glee club and of college orchestra.

Miss May Worthington, dietitian

Next issue will begin a series of personal interviews with the new faculty. It's a good chance to get acquainted. Don't miss it.

IN MEMORY

It is with a note of sadness that we report the death of Miss Hattie Hawley on July 3, 1934. Miss Hawley was a woman of strong character, of great purpose..... admired and respected by her fellow-teachers and by those fortunate enough to have taken courses with her. Her radiant personality and her indomitable will in the face of great suffering touched the hearts of those who knew the odds against which she labored. She leaves a memory sweet and lasting.

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SPORT CHATTER

Clark O F.T.C. O

Though the game ended in a scoreless tie, nevertheless Fitchburg literally played all over Clark. It was one of those games in which the score does not indicate the better team.

Early in the third quarter Emil Johnson dribbled thru the Clark defense and scored a goal. Much to the surprise of all players, the referee called Cliff offside. Under the rules he could not have been offside as he did not come in contact with the ball. Our team accepted the break and said nothing as we understood it was only a practice game.

The fullbacks looked strong, and the newcomers showed up well.

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A new star on the T.C. team made her debut and demonstrated her ability in the Clark game. This newcomer is none other than Fritz, terrier dog mascot, coached by our loyal rooter, Mr. Weston.

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Nichols Junior College cancelled its games with us because of inability to organize a team.

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Turner, Godek, Waring and McDonald, all freshmen, are playing on the varsity and look mighty good.

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Coach Cliff Southworth is doing a fine job. Any man who has to follow in Jim Hammond's shoes has a tough row to hoe. Cliff sure deserves a lot of credit.

CELEBRITY

After 10 weeks traveling and performing in Europe, Aimo Teittinen, outstanding track star, is back to tell us all about it. London, Paris, Berlin, etc...get the next issue for the personal interview with Aimo.

HIKE

The first event of the year was held Wednesday afternoon when 50 of the girls armed only with box lunches hiked to the Deserted Village. This hike welcomed the freshmen into the W.A.A.

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HOCKEY

The field hockey season is getting under way, directed by Cappy Disken. Cappy has a full squad but all the girls should come out and try it. You may be a star, you know.

Miss Bolger is happy to announce that the W.A.A. now owns twenty-two pairs of shin-guards, enough to insure safety to the fair participants.

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A mixed doubles tennis tournament starts next week. If you are interested, get a partner and watch for a notice.

DORM NEWS

The first fire drill was held Wednesday night in Palmer, and a good time was had by all....except those who had really fallen asleep. We think that refreshments should be served.

RESIGNED

Mr. Sawyer has resigned from the faculty, and Dame Rumor has it that chemical research is corraling his time and attention.

We understand the vacancy will be filled within the week.

HEALEY A BENEDICT

Mr. Healey went out of circulation last June. The Mrs. is the former Miss Marguerite Scanlon of Leominster. Our best wishes for luck and much happiness waft Leominster-ward.

COMUP SOMETIME

Freshman to Jerry (at the reception: "Say, Jerry, how about a knock-down to Fay Smith? I hear she's a fairly good dancer."

CLUB NEWS

Mohawks

The Mohawk Tribe formally opened its 1934-35 season on September 17th. Plans for the coming season were formulated, including the customary open night and the bi-annual dramatic production.

Before the camp fire dies out on the final pow-wow of the year, many novel features will have been carried out, thus maintaining the traditions of

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Dramatic

The Hendrickson Players gave superb performances yesterday to one of the largest crowds ever drawn to a F.T.C. entertainment. At the afternoon performance, whole blocks of seats were sold before the doors opened, and none left without feeling that an exceptionally fine presentation had been given them at ridiculously low prices.

The Dramatic Club may justly pride themselves upon sponsering such an excellent production.

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Glee

The Glee Club is in session under the capable direction of our new supervisor of music, Mr. Wood. We need your support in the coming concerts.

The first performance will be in Townsend according to word from President Coakley.

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Debating

The Debating Club is again getting off to a fine start under the leadership of Peter O'Toole. New members are cordially invited.

GAVEL RATTLES

After getting a first-class shoe cleaning establishment started, the freshmen joined the union Thursday and went out on strike.

Have you heard that quartette in Miller (Phyllis, Kay, Deb, Hazel) sing "I'll be Faithful" ?

Have you noticed the marked interest in tennis among the men between three and four-thirty every afternoon?

This is unique! Everybody in the senior class bought a ring with a red stone except the president, and he has a blue one. Look at it sometime.

"Love Conquers All". Ask those three freshmen.

Pop Warner, coach of Southern California for many years and now at Temple, rides a horse during football practice. Clif Soughworth is getting bids on a tractor. That's better than riding the players.

There is plenty of "Rush" in that tall sophomore.

Have you seen our double for Maxie Baer?

RECEPTION A SUCCESS

This year's social calendar opened with a bang last Thursday. The occasion was the Freshmen Reception. Combining a musical program with dancing and refreshments, this traditional affair was successfully carried out. Thanks to the social committee and the large attendance.

NEXT ISSUE - What last year's graduates are doing. Keep in touch with your old pals thru the Gavel.
